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SUMMARY: GOJ DOES NOT EXPECT ANY CONSENSUS OR FINAL DECISIONS AT JUNE MEETING OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE. GOJ DOES NOT PLAN OR EXPECT ANY INITIATIVES IN THIS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL (YOSHINAKA) TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOJ DOES NOT EXPECT ANY CONSENSUS OR FINAL DECISIONS AT JUNE 9-20 MEETING OF UN COMMITTEE
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ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. FONOFF IS NOW STUDYING DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS) DEVELOPED BY OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (LSC) BUT HAS NOT YET REACHED ANY CONCLUSION. POSITION PAPER WRITTEN FOR KATO (WHO WILL

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REPRESENT GOJ AT MEETING) DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY INITIATIVES.
FONOFF OFFICIAL NOTED THAT ISSUE IS SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE IN GOJ
BECAUSE GOJ PLANS TO LAUNCH ITS EBS (EXPERIMENTAL BRAODCAST
SATELLITE) IN 1977. GOJ WOULD ALSO HAVE DIFFICULTY
ACCEPTING SOME PARTS OF DRAFT PRINCIPLES (THOSE ON CONSENT AND
PARTICIPATION AND SPILL-OVER ESPECIALLY) BECAUSE MOST RADIO AND
TELEVISION PROGRAMS IN JAPAN ARE PRODUCED BY PRIVATE ENTITIES
NOT UNDER CONTROL OF GOJ. THEREFORE, FURTHER STUDY OF GOJ LAW
IS REQUIRED. ALSO, BECAUSE DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC BEGAN IN
UN ONLY IN 1974, FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID HE EXPECED 2-3 YEARS
MORE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR DECISION.

2. ON REMOTE SENSING, OFFICIAL SAID THAT GOJ OPINION WAS ALMOST
THE SAME AT THAT OF USG, WHICH WANTS NO RESTRICTIONS ON
ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF DATA. A POSSIBLE DIFFERENCE
MIGHT BE THAT GOJ COULD SUPPORT SOME GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN THIS
FIELD, BUT WHAT THEY MIGHT BE HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITHIN GOJ,
OFFICIAL DID NOT THINK THAT SOVIETS COULD COMPOSE THEIR DIFFERENCES
WITH FRANCE, BRAZIL, AND ARGENTINA BECAUSE USSR HAS ITS OWN REMOTE
SENSING SATELLITES. HE DID SAY THAT GOJ DOES NOT PLAN ANY
INITIATIVES AT JUNE 9 MEETING, HAS NOT HEARD OF ANY NEW INITIATIVES
FOR THIS MEETING, AND DOES NOT EXPECT ANY.

3. ON A RELATED TOPIC, OFFICIAL NOTED THAT UN SECRETARIAT HAS
PROPOSED UN SPACE APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE FOR AROUND 1979 AND THAT
JAPAN HAS SUPPORTED IDEA, ALTHOUGH MOST COUNTRIES EXPECIALLY
EUROPEAN ONES, HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. OFFICIAL SAID INDIA
MIGHT RAISE SUBJECT AGAIN.
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